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## **KASHA-KATUWE TENT ROCKS NAMED NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Created by volcanic explosions and erosion of the resulting pumice and tuff deposits resulting in a breath-taking collection of cone-shaped rock formations some standing as high as 90 feet, Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks is now one of America's newest national monuments created by President Clinton on January 17, 2001.

The newly designated national monument is a loop, which captures the scenic diversity of the Jemez foothills in north-central New Mexico. From the piñon and juniper trees that scent the woodland areas with the smell of New Mexico's mountains, to lush green landscape of the cottonwoods and willows along Peralta Creek, to the stark, almost eerie symmetry of the tent rock formations, the area provides some of New Mexico's most unique vistas for hikers.

"The designation of Kasha-Katuwe National Monument enhances the unique partnership between the BLM and the Pueblo de Cochiti," said Ed Singleton, BLM Albuquerque Field Manager. "It provides additional opportunities for resource protection and enhancement including interpretation and education programs, watershed and riparian restoration projects, road and trail improvements, and economic benefits for the Pueblo de Cochiti and local communities."

For additional information on America's newest national monument contact the BLM at (505) 761-8700.

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